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### **Daily Masses**

#### **Monday - Friday**

7:00 am

12:10 pm

#### **Saturday**

7:00 am

#### **Sunday Masses:**

Vigil 5:15 pm (Sat.)

7:30 am (quiet)

9:00 am

10:30 am (French)

12:15 pm

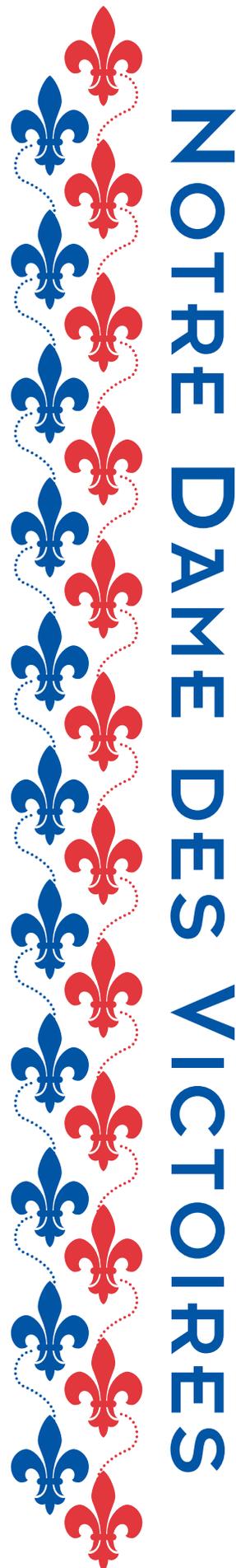
#### **The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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# The Ascension of the Lord – May 24, 2020

## TRAVELING MERCIES

In the Gospel Reading, Christ gives his disciples a last command before his ascension: go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel. And in another Gospel (Mk 16:15-20), Christ adds a list of things that will characterize those of his followers who obey this command: they will drive out demons, speak new languages, handle snakes safely, drink deadly things without harm, and heal the sick by the laying on of hands. Why *this* list? Isn't it supposed to be just *love* that characterizes Christ's followers?

Well, think of it this way. When one of my children was traveling to Bangladesh, I made a list of dos and don'ts for him. It was a list intended to help keep him safe. Finding housing with English speakers was on the list, so that there would not be language problems. "Don't drink the water!" was definitely on the list, and so was "Stay away from people who are obviously sick!" The list finished with this prohibition: "Whatever you do, don't come into contact with the ground!" I know it sounds ridiculous; but hookworm is endemic in that part of the world, and you can get full of worms if you let a body part with an open wound come into contact with infected ground.

You can see that what was on my list of things to worry about are on Christ's list of things not to worry about: language problems, deadly drinks, sicknesses, even snakes—well, hookworms, anyway. (Demons were not on my list, but maybe they would have been if I could have thought of anything to say about them.) So the things on Christ's list are the things that you (or your mother) might worry about if you were traveling in dangerous places. Since Christ is commanding his followers to head out to all the world, maybe it is only fair of him to tell those who obey him that they do not need to worry about any of these things. Like a good mother, Christ has already thought about all these things for his traveling people, and in his mercy, he has made provision for them all. So here is one way to understand Christ's list of the things that characterize those who believe in Christ and obey him. Whatever roads the journey of your life takes you on, the care of the Lord encompasses you if you walk in his name. You can travel the road of your life without being anxious if you are working for him.

Eleonore Stump



## FRENCH CORNER

*Une présence au-delà des yeux*

Sachant qu'un jour il devrait quitter ce monde, Jésus avait formé ses apôtres à leur future mission et avait promis de leur envoyer son Esprit-Saint pour les aider dans cette tâche alors qu'ils seront seuls : ils devront partir à travers le monde pour annoncer la Bonne Nouvelle du salut.

Aujourd'hui, alors que nous célébrons son Ascension, c'est-à-dire son retour auprès du Père, nous devons nous rappeler que ses disciples, eux qui l'avaient connu pendant trois ans dans sa présence physique, doivent faire l'expérience d'une autre forme de présence : ce n'est plus un contact direct avec l'ancien charpentier de Nazareth, c'est une présence tout autre, moins tangible mais tout aussi réelle, par exemple ce couple qui veut se marier ou cet autre qui veut faire baptiser son enfant alors que le prêtre ne les a guère revus... ou encore ce malade inconnu qu'il faut visiter ...

Pour nous tous, qui sommes venus dans ce monde si différent de celui de Jésus, c'est un appel à le découvrir dans ceux et celles que nous rencontrons dans notre immeuble, dans notre quartier, dans notre lieu de travail, et de leur parler de Jésus.

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M.

## FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

As with all schools in San Francisco, NDV is temporarily closed out of an abundance of caution. There have been no confirmed cases of the Coronavirus in our community and we are happy to be doing our part to mitigate its spread.

I am so impressed with the NDV staff and students who are adapting very well to our new system. We miss being together but are pleased to be offering everything from morning assembly to math and recess to reading!

Please be assured of our continued prayers. Thank you and God Bless,  
Sarah Currier. Principal



*We miss being together*



**ALL MASSES WILL BE PRIVATE  
MASSES**

### **SATURDAY – VIGIL May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

5:15 pm Charlene Haught Johnson †

### **SUNDAY May 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 am Mesfin GebreWold - Intentions

9:00 am Girma Bekele - Intention

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

12:15 pm Debabe Asrat- Intentions

### **MONDAY May 25<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Immigrants & Refugees

12:10 pm Harry P. Misthos †

### **TUESDAY May 26<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Intentions of Pope Francis

12:10 pm Debabe Asrat- Intentions

### **WEDNESDAY May 27<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Society of Mary

12:10 pm Marists Hospitalized

### **THURSDAY May 28<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Debab Asrat Family

12:10 pm Missionaries

### **FRIDAY May 29<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am NDV Teachers & Students

12:10 pm Religious Vocation

### **SATURDAY May 30<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory †

## WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Monique Antolin, Elizabeth Desta, Patty Espiritu, Zachary Espiritu, Odette Etcheverry, Benjamin Haller, Georges Handras, Lupita Herrera, Cármen López, Maria Manley, Membere Mariam, Grant Melton, , Mary Jo Onopa, Roberta Renzi, Vinod and Cynthia Sheth, and Rosie Zedamoi.



## WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

Alphonse Acheritogaray, Pete Arendt, Fr. George Baricar, Anna L. Bernadicou, Claire Casabonne, Denise Carrade, Jeannette Cornu, Magdalena Cravotto, Yvonne Delclaux, Jeannette Ganem, Barbara J. Higgins, Charlene Haught Johnson, Nasif Khoury, Ekho Lim, Lynn Leininger, Frances McFarland, William McKnight, Mary Orley, Christiane Pelletier, Bernard Picard, Rolande E. Pottier, Yolanda Prioto, Juliette Puts, Stephen Rice, Mary Jo Stechschulte, Dimitrios Tsokas.

## REMEMBER OUR SICK AND DECEASED:

Please note starting next week we will automatically remove anyone who has been on this list over a year unless we are notified not to remove. Thank you for your understanding.

## An Update to the People of God from Archbishop Cordileone: First Steps in Reopening for Public Mass

*You are my shelter; you guard me from distress; with joyful shouts of deliverance you surround me (Ps 32:7).*

As we continue to take shelter in our homes to help stem the spread of the coronavirus, this prayer of the psalmist reminds us that our only true refuge is the Lord alone. We ask God to shelter all those suffering from physical and economic distress as a result of this pandemic. I am also well aware of the spiritual distress that so many of our people are experiencing due to the unavailability of attending Mass in person. I therefore wish to send you this communication to update you on steps we are taking to reopen for public Mass here in the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

For these last several weeks I have been joining my brother bishops in California for our weekly videoconference meetings to discuss the current situation and strategize how to begin safely to reopen for public Masses. We all agree that we should do this in sync with government regulations for sound safety protocols, and to that end have initiated a conversation with government leaders in Sacramento on this topic. I myself have been in touch with local government leaders here, as well as consulted with top experts in the fields of health care and epidemiology. I have also been in contact with Metropolitan Gerasimos of the Greek Orthodox Church, who has shared with me the similar concerns of the bishops of the various Orthodox jurisdictions in California. The next two weeks will be the critical test: San Francisco has “flattened the curve,” and if this trend continues for these next two weeks, it will be safer to loosen some of the current restrictions on day-to-day activities.

In any event, I wish to inform you that I have formed a committee of pastors and lay people to draft safety protocols, in keeping with current government regulations, that will enable us to begin accommodating our people for public Mass. Clearly, it will be different from what we are accustomed to, since numbers will have to be limited in order to observe the required physical distance and other safety measures. However, working with this committee, I look to find a way to accommodate the greatest number of people possible for Mass while in no way compromising the safety restrictions necessary to protect our people from contracting and spreading the virus.

The dispensation to attend Sunday Mass will remain in place, and so those who fear becoming infected may remain at home in good conscience. The usual advisories also remain in place for those who should remain at home and avoid exposure to any public gathering, including worship: the elderly, those with pre-existing health conditions making them especially vulnerable to infection, those who have recently had contact with someone tested to be COVID-19 positive, etc. Sunday, of course, is still the Christian Sabbath and so must be kept holy, even if in-person attendance at Mass is not possible. You may attend any livestreamed Mass in the Archdiocese remotely via the Archdiocesan website. You will also find there an Act of Spiritual Communion and other resources ([sfarch.org/keeping-the-sabbath](http://sfarch.org/keeping-the-sabbath)).

God is our shelter, and God delivers from distress all those who remain true to Him. Let us therefore persevere in faith, hope and charity, trusting that in God’s time and in God’s way, God will surround us with joyful shouts of deliverance.

### PRAYER IN TIME OF COVID -19 PANDEMIC

Lord Jesus Christ, our true physician and healer, be merciful to us and bring us your aid in these troubled times. Heal all our sickness and every affliction of your people.

Drive out our infirmities of soul and body; free us from all disease and especially from this pestilence.

We place in your gentle Heart the elderly, the frail, people with disability, children, young people and families, our indigenous peoples, those who are poor, lonely and isolated. As you walk with us, free them from fear, and give them patience and hope together with our loving care.

In your mercy deal also with the causes of our pitiful condition, that in curing our lack of faith and spiritual weakness, you may also remedy our bodily ills.

We place our trust in you, the risen Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

**NDV SUNDAY MASS ON YOUTUBE:** During the COVID-19 Stay at Home Directive, we are unable to gather in our parish church for the celebration of the Eucharist on Sundays. However, we can be united spiritually by praying the Mass each Sunday via Youtube. Please visit our parish website at [ndvsf.org](http://ndvsf.org) and click on the *Sunday Mass with Notre Dame des Victoires* icon to participate in our parish’s Sunday worship. Even if we cannot receive Jesus in the Eucharist, we can still be close to Him by making a Spiritual Communion. As we make this Spiritual Communion, we pray for all those affected by COVID-19.

**ON-LINE GIVING:** During the COVID-19, our Masses have been suspended. We suggest that you consider making your donations on line. This will help with the needs of our parish’s daily financial responsibilities. Our parish offers Online Giving, a web-based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage your contributions online. This service is safe and secure. And it is convenient for you and for our parish staff. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at [ndvsf.org](http://ndvsf.org) and select the Online Giving link. Click on Create New Account and follow directions to set up your account. Thank you for your generosity

**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you would like to request a Mass for a specific intention, please call the Parish Office at 415.397.0113 and speak to our secretary Mertenesh. The Mass Book for 2020 is available to reserve a Mass Intention. Per the Archdiocese of San Francisco, the offering for a Mass request is \$10.00. If paying by check, please make the check payable to the order of: **MARIST FATHERS.**

### SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK

May 24, 2020– May 31, 2020

<b>Sunday</b>	- Acts 1:1-11	- Eph 1:17-23	- Mt 28:16-20
<b>Monday</b>	- Acts 19:1-8		- Jn 16:29-33
<b>Tuesday</b>	- Acts 20:17-27		- Jn 17:1-11a
<b>Wednesday</b>	- Acts 20:28-38		- Jn 17:11b-19
<b>Thursday</b>	- Acts 22:30; 23:6-11		- Jn 17:20-26
<b>Friday</b>	- Acts 25:13b-21		- Jn 21:15-19
<b>Saturday</b>	- Acts 28:16-20, 30-31		- Jn 21:20-25
<b>Sunday</b>	- Acts 2:1-11	- 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13	- Jn 20:19-23

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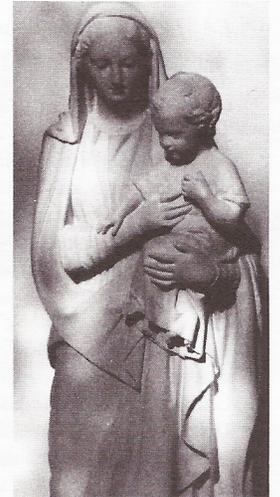


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